

Session 12-03 A Regular Meeting of the Public Arts Committee was called to order at 5:08 P.M. on May 16, 2012 by Vice Chair Gaye Wolfe in Conference Room Upstairs located at City Hall, 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska.

PRESENT: COMMITTEEMEMBERS FELLOWS, MILLER, AND WOLFE

ABSENT: COMMITTEEMEMBERS APLIN AND NEWBY

STAFF: DEPUTY CITY CLERK KRAUSE

The Public Arts Committee met in a Worksession prior to the regular meeting. They discussed the regular agenda items. Public Works Director Carey Meyer attended the worksession. Committee member Miller was not present for the Worksession but did attend the Regular Meeting.

AGENDA APPROVAL

The agenda was approved by consensus of the committee.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There was no public present for comments.

RECONSIDERATION

There were no items for reconsideration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES *(Minutes are only approved during regular meeting.)*

- A. Approval - Special Meeting Minutes for April 2, 2012
- B. Approval – Special Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2012
- C. Approval – Regular Meeting Minutes for November 10, 2011

MILLER/WOLFE – MOVED TO APPROVE ALL MINUTES AS PRESENTED.

There was no discussion.

The minutes were approved by consensus of the committee.

VISITORS

There were no visitors scheduled.

STAFF & COUNCIL REPORT/COMMITTEE REPORTS/BOROUGH REPORTS

- A. Report on Teleconference for Grants for Public Art with NEA – Michele Miller

Ms. Miller summarized her report. She noted that that there was an additional webinar on April 18, 2012 that was open to the country. There is a deadline of May 24, 2012 and she believed that the project for Baycrest would fit very well.

Staff noted that there was no information whether this was taken up by the committee members for the Baycrest project and she will try to contact Katie Koester to see if she has time and could pull this application together.

There was a brief discussion on the benefit to applying this year or waiting until next year to apply.

Staff responded that they did not have a report prepared for this meeting.

PUBLIC HEARING

There were no items for public hearing.

PENDING BUSINESS

A. Gateways Project – Baycrest Hill Status Update

This item was postponed until the next meeting as members of the sub-committee were not present.

B. Status Update on Artwork Display

- a. City Anniversary Mural Photograph
- b. City Hall Artwork

Vice Chair Wolfe provided a brief summary and update on the Mural Photograph that was on display for 15 years in the Council Chambers. Mr. Alan Parks, the owner of the prints had previously indicated that the chosen location of the downstairs hallway was not adequate since it would break-up the mural. Staff indicated that after a thorough search of public buildings there was no appropriate location to display the 66 foot mural in one piece.

The committee agreed by consensus that they did not have the funds required to produce an archival quality copy of the photos and would like a letter sent to Mr. Parks thanking him for the loan of photos for the last 15 years but at this time there is no alternative location and the funding.

MILLER/WOLFE - MOVED TO RETURN THE PHOTOGRAPHS WITH A THANK YOU LETTER TO MR. PARKS FOR ALLOWING THE CITY TO DISPLAY THEM FOR THE PREVIOUS 15 YEARS AND EXPLAINING THAT AT THIS TIME IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THERE IS NOT ANOTHER APPROPRIATE LOCATION WITHIN A CITY OWNED BUILDING AND THEY DID NOT HAVE THE FUNDING AVAILABLE.

There was a brief discussion.

The motion was approved by consensus of the committee.

Vice Chair Wolfe then brought up an issue of a display case is needed for the swords. It was determined that to safely display these swords to the public they must be in a locked protective cabinet. Staff has located a cabinet that will house both the swords. She was requesting the committee approve an expenditure of approximately \$170-\$200.00 for the cabinet.

MILLER/FELLOWS – MOVED TO APPROVE A REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF A LOCKING DISPLAY CABINET FOR THE TWO SWORDS FROM THE SISTER CITY TESHIO, JAPAN.

Discussion ensued on the responsibility of the Committee providing the funding for the display case.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

Vice Chair Wolfe also noted for a future meeting will be approving an expenditure signage which would be a brass name plates for the artwork that is displayed. It was noted that before expenditure of any funds the committee would be provided with the costs and details.

C. Rack Card Design

Vice Chair Wolfe brought this item to the floor for discussion. It was noted that there was a substantial cost savings and Staff even compared with the 5% Local Vendor that the City will pay over the lowest price from another source.

Staff explained the differences with using the online source VistaPrint.com and Printworks.

MILLER/FELLOWS - MOVED TO HAVE STAFF DESIGN AND SUBMIT FOR COMMITTEE REVIEW AND APPROVAL VIA EMAIL AND ONCE APPROVED BY THE MAJORITY OF THE COMMITTEE STAFF WILL SUBMIT ORDER FOR PRINT.

The committee entertained a brief discussion on the process and the need to order 1500 versus a lower quantity and apprehension on the quality of the rack card photos, etc. It was noted that they can redesign next year but that they really needed to get this accomplished.

VOTE. YES. NON-OBJECTION. UNANIMOUS CONSENT.

Motion carried.

D. Airport Lettering

There was a brief update from Ms. Fellows on the lettering. She was unable to reach

NEW BUSINESS

A. Open House for City Hall Discussion and Planning the Event

There was a brief discussion on having this event and that Council has approved that the Committee taking the lead in arranging and event but that Council member Roberts and Wythe were to be included in the discussion and event planning.

B. Review and Approval of Gift of Art to the City

This item was postponed until the next meeting since there was not a majority present to review and approve the proposed gift. Ms. Wolfe was excused since she was the artist submitting the art and not allowed to vote.

C. 1% for the Arts Program – Cruise Ship Enhancement Project

Vice Chair Wolfe commented that Mr. Meyer attended the worksession and explained that later this month there will be preliminary designs available on the projects for restrooms in two locations on Pioneer one was at WKFL Park and one is a proposed location on Pioneer next to the Old Pizza place but that is not definite yet. They are considering having the art incorporated into the building design. Mr. Meyer was hoping that the committee could work on the RFP as soon as possible.

Vice Chair Wolfe described the locations for the restrooms on the Spit and the additional cruise ship passenger improvements.

MILLER/FELLOWS - MOVED THAT A SPECIAL MEETING BE SCHEDULED TOWARDS THE END OF JUNE.

There was a brief discussion on what day would be available. It was noted that the fourth Wednesday or Thursday would be available. Staff will confirm the availability and the committee members can check their schedules.

The committee agreed by consensus to have a special meeting on June 27 or 28, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

A. April 2012 Communique

B. Memorandum 12-XX to Council Re: Request for Support and Funding Contribution for the Baycrest Overlook Improvement Gateways Project

C. Memorandum 12-XX to Council Re: Update on Reinstallation of Art in City Hall

There was no discussion on the informational materials.

COMMENTS OF THE AUDIENCE

There were no comments.

COMMENTS OF THE COUNCILMEMBER *(If one is assigned)*

There was no council member.

COMMENTS OF THE CITY STAFF

There were no comments from the staff.

COMMENTS OF THE CHAIR

The chair was not present.

COMMENTS OF THE COMMITTEE

There were no comments from the committee.

ADJOURN NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. in the City Hall Cowles Council Chambers located at 491 E. Pioneer Avenue, Homer Alaska. A SPECIAL MEETING HAS BEEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 28, 2012 AT 5:00 P.M.

RENEE KRAUSE, CMC, DEPUTY CITY CLERK I

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